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SUBJECT: LETTER FROM THE SECRETARY TO WALDHEIM

FROM THE SECRETARY FOR AMBASSADOR BUCHANAN

1. PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING LETTER FROM ME TO UNSYG
WALDHEIM, IF POSSIBLE JUNE 4.

2. BEGIN TEXT: DEAR KURT: BEFORE THE OPENING OF TALKS IN
VIENNA I WANTED YOU TO HAVE SOME IMPRESSIONS FROM MY TRIP
TO ANKARA MAY 22-23 AND ON THE MEETINGS PRESIDENT FORD AND
I HAD WITH GREEK AND TURKISH LEADERS IN BRUSSELS MAY 29-30.
OUR CONVERSATIONS BOTH IN ANKARA AND IN BRUSSELS CONFIRMED
MY BELIEF THAT BOTH THE TURKISH AND GREEK GOVERNMENTS WISH
TO MOVE THE CYPRUS ISSUE TOWARD A SATISFACTORY CONCLUSION.

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THE TURKISH LEADERS, HOWEVER, SAY THEY ARE OPERATING WITHIN

SUCH A NARROW MAJORITY THAT THE VIEWS OF THEIR COALITION PARTNERS AND OF THE OPPOSITION, LED BY EX-PRIME MINISTER ECEVIT, MUST BE BROUGHT INTO LINE BEFORE A FULL TURKISH NEGOTIATING POSITION CAN BE DEVELOPED AND PRESENTED TO THE GREEK SIDE. THIS WILL TAKE MORE TIME. WE HAVE, HOWEVER, ADVISED THE TURKISH LEADERS THAT WE BELIEVE THE ATMOSPHERE IS FAVORABLE FOR EARLY PROGRESS TOWARD A LONG-TERM CYPRUS SETTLEMENT, AND WE HAVE URGED THAT THEY MOVE RAPIDLY TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS OPPORTUNITY.

3. I HOPE THE TURKISH SIDE WILL MAKE AN EFFORT TO ENSURE THAT THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS IN VIENNA TAKE PLACE IN A POSITIVE ATMOSPHERE; AND CLERIDES WILL PROBABLY DO LIKEWISE. EVEN IF THE TURKISH SIDE WILL AT THIS TIME NOT BE READY TO NEGOTIATE THE TERRITORIAL ASPECTS OF A SETTLEMENT, THIS WOULD NOT IN MY VIEW MEAN THAT THE PROCESS OF NEGOTIATION UNDER YOUR AUSPICES HAD REACHED AN IMPASSE. INDEED IT WOULD BE AN ACHIEVEMENT IN VIENNA IF THE INTERCOMMUNAL NEGOTIATIONS COULD BE KEPT MOVING FORWARD AND AN ADDITIONAL SESSION SCHEDULED SO THAT WHEN THE TURKISH SIDE HAS PREPARED ITS FULL POSITION, RAPID PROGRESS CAN BE MADE.

4. WE WILL BE KEEPING IN TOUCH WITH THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT IN SUPPORT OF YOUR EFFORTS AND WILL CONTINUE TO URGE EARLY MOVEMENT ON THEIR NEGOTIATING POSITION. YOUR REPORTS TO ME DURING THE LAST SESSION OF THE VIENNA TALKS WERE MOST USEFUL, AND I WOULD WELCOME HAVING YOUR IMPRESSIONS AGAIN DURING THE COMING SESSION. WARM REGARDS, HENRY A. KISSINGER END TEXT. KISSINGER

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